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Docket No.: 99-1228

Patent Application

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAUNCHING APPLICATIONS BASED  
UPON ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE DATA

December 15, 1999

To the Assistant Commissioner  
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REQUEST FOR FILING A NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following:

- X 1. Specification, claims and abstract of the above-referenced patent application having 16 pages.
- X 2. 4 sheet(s) of drawing(s) (X formal / \_\_\_ informal) comprising Figures 1 through 4.
- X 3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (X signed \_\_\_ unsigned).
- \_\_\_ 3A. No filing fee, Oath, or Declaration is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.53(d).
- \_\_\_ 4. Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 and references.
- \_\_\_ 5. This is a: \_\_\_ Continuation-In-Part; \_\_\_ Divisional; \_\_\_ Continuation; \_\_\_ substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of Application Serial No. \_\_\_ filed \_\_\_; \_\_\_ reissue of U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_.

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- (a) ☐ is concurrently being filed in that prior Application,  
(b) ☐ was previously filed in that prior Application,  
(c) ☐ is not necessary for copendency.

☒ 6. Attached is an assignment to **Spotware Technologies, Inc.** Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

☐ 7. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on filing in European Patent Office.

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☐ 8. Attached: ☐ (No.) verified statement(s) establishing "small entity" status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.

☒ 9. Attached:

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☐ 10. Preliminary Amendment:

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11. The following Filing Fee calculation is based on the claims filed less any claims canceled by the Preliminary Amendment of Item 10.

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- X 14. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and may be required under 37 CFR 1.16-1.18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and for the resulting Official Document under 37 CFR 1.20, and to have and cause any necessary petition for extension of time to be filed and any fees necessary to be paid for said extension of time OR credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0439, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. **The Commissioner is not authorized to charge the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.**

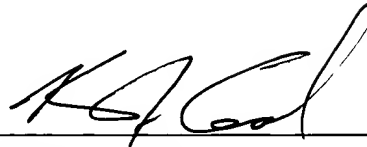
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